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E. O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: CONFIDENTIALITY OF SINAI II AGREEMENTS

REF.: STATE 188238

1. POL COUNSELOR TOOK UP WITH EVRON JULY 26 GAL'S RECENT INQUIRIES IN WASHINGTON AND STRONG U S VIEW THAT SINAI II MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED BY MFA. PROFESSING NOT TO UNDERSTAND REASON FOR U S RELUCTANCE, EVRON SUGGESTED THAT IF PUBLISHING ACTUAL DOCUMENTS CAUSED PROBLEM, PERHAPS MFA COULD SIMPLY CIRCULATE TEXTS OF MEMORANDA AS THEY APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES AND CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. BLACKWILL RESPONDED THAT THAT WAS TOO ARTFUL BY HALF AND PUBLIC WOULD SIMPLY CONCLUDE THAT ISRAEL WAS PUBLISHING THE DOCUMENTS. MOREOVER, IT WAS NOT IN EITHER COUNTRY'S INTEREST TO HAVE A DISAGREEMENT AT THIS TIME ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAD PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.

2. THROWING UP HIS HANDS, EVRON SAID HE WOULD PASS OUR MESSAGE TO LEGAL ADVISOR ROSENNE AND HE HOPED THE MATTER WOULD GO NO FURTHER. NATURALLY, HE STRESSED, ISRAEL WOULD HONOR ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT.

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3. COMMENT: THIS ISSUE MAY HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST, BUT WE WONDER WHETHER IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO PERSIST IN THIS COURSE. THE DOCUMENTS ARE, AFTER ALL, PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLE THAT WASHING IS PROTECTING, THIS PARTICULAR CASE MIGHT LEND ITSELF TO AN EXCEPTION. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MANY OFFICIALS IN THE GOI CONCLUDE THAT OUR RELUCTANCE TO PUBLISH THE MEMORANDA IS

LINKED TO A U S DISINCLINATION TO ADMIT PUBLICLY THAT IT HAS  
SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL. SUCH SUSPICIONS OBVIOUSLY  
GROW OUT OF THE CURRENT STRESS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS  
AND THE U S SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO PUT AS MANY OF  
THESE CHIMERA TO REST AS POSSIBLE. THUS, WE RECOMMEND THAT  
WASHINGTON TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS MATTER. LEWIS

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